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Mr. Robert T. Maruca, Director  
Medical Assistance Division  
State of New Mexico  
Human Services Department  
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Dear Mr. Maruca:

I am responding to your correspondence dated May 9, 2001 by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0173.90.R1. This waiver provides services to mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals who would otherwise require institutionalization in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR). The HCBSW No. 0173.90.R1 expires on June 30, 2001. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal request to our office. You indicated during our site review that additional time was required to complete the waiver renewal request.

Because a decision regarding renewal of the waiver could not be made before the current waiver expires on June 30, 2001, I am granting the State of New Mexico an initial 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0173.90.R1. This program is approved under section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from July 1, 2001 through September 28, 2001 with Federal financial participation at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

